Redevelopment plan for AIIMS

2552. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has announced an ambitious Rs. 1,300 crore Redevelopment Master Plan-2025;

(b) if so, the proposals of Redevelopment Plan of AIIMS;

(c) whether any action plan has been formulated;

(d) if so, to what extent this will help to cope with increasing patients workload; and

(e) by when the work on this is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) to (e) The AIIMS is planning to upgrade their facilities and a detailed Master Plan has already been submitted to Delhi Urban Art Commission. The Master Plan includes expansion of housing facilities, expanded hostel facilities, new institutional buildings like Pay Wards, extended OPD, Digestion Centre, Renal Centre, Dental College, Capative Power Plan etc., extensive parking arrangments, boring of new tube wells, covering of nallah etc. The Project is expected to cost Rs. 1300 crore and is proposed to be implemented phasewise as part of vision 2025. The project has not been considered by the Government yet. Its implementation will depend on due clearances and availability of funds. The bed strength at AIIMS is expected to become three fold on completion of the complete restructuring and will help to cope with increasing patient workload.

Payment of commission by drug companies

2553. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many doctors and private medical practitioners who are recommending only drugs of those companies that are paying them good commission;

(b) if so, whether Government would investigate this matter; and

(c) whether penalty would be imposed on such medical practitioners who are found guilty of such practices since they are playing with the lives of the people?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) to (c) The Medical Council of India has no such information. As per the Indian Medical Council (Professional conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002, a physician shall not give, solicit, or receive nor shall he offer to give, solicit or receive, any gift, gratuity, commission or bonus in consideration of or return for the referring, recommending or procuring of any patient for medical, surgical or other treatment. These provisions shall apply with equal force to the referring, recommending or procuring by a physician of any person, specimen or material for diagonostic, or other study or work. The Medical Council of India or the State Medical Councils are empowered to award such punishment as deemed necessary or even removal of the name of any registered practitioner from the Register altogether or for a specified period in respect of any act of violation of the Code of Ethics which may be brought before it, after conducting an enquiry.

TKDL project

2554. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELAFRE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has also represented in the Task Force for Traditional Knowledge Digital Library;

(b) whether Government have submitted Traditional Knowledge Resource Classification of Traditional Knowledge Digital Library to World Intellectual Property Organisation during 2001;

(c) whether European and United States Patent Office commented that the classification is not useful to non-experts, whereas the Chinese data base is useful;

(d) whether persons with Commerce and Life Science degrees are appointed as Information Technology experts in the project;